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"The end stop part 5 stops the knife edges from touching the board at the end of cutting."

7. Page 7. "Part 11- End stop" is added in the part list. No change in the drawing for this.

8. Page 8 Following text is added to the heading The distinctive features.

"the lever advantage is increased due to direct mounting of knives next to the vegetable enclosure.

There is flexibility in choosing the number of knives, to suit the type of vegetable being cut".

This addition is not new matter as it is obvious from the drawing and description.

9. I have modified part 6, guide of fig.no.7 of the embodiment no.3 in page numbers 7,8.

This is done to increase its strength. There is no change in the description of the device.

I am sending a replacement sheet for sheet 3 /3 of the drawings. This may be accepted as there is no change in the way the device works. Only the guide shape is modified.

Claims :New claims 11,12,13,14 are made in place of 7,8,9,10 which are cancelled, to avoid

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Abstract.

The text of Nov,2003 is completely replaced to describe the technical features in a better way highlighting the novel elements and advantages.

"A manual multiple knife cutting device for vegetables and other material of similar structure wherein,

The knives are mounted directly in a base cum guide containing slots and fulcrum bolt for the knives, an enclosure cum platform for the vegetables right next to the knife fulcrum.

The enclosure location close to the fulcrum reduces cutting loads and it's closed design prevents vegetable sliding. The guides which make up the base using spacers and

connecting bolts at the bottom fully support the knives throughout the cutting stroke enabling a smooth cut.

Slots extending below the platform enable the knives to go past the cut pieces for a clean cut. The best mode is illustrated in fig. 7."

I request you to consider the specification after these amendments as latest version of the specification to be filed. I am sending 10 pages of the amended specification.



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